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EDUCATION: Howard University Law School, Washington, D.C.
Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, May, 1974

Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri
Bachelor of Arts, May, 1966

WORK EXPERIENCE: August, 1984 - Present
Executive Director, Monroe County Legal Assistance Corporation. Responsibilities include managing the overall operation of a \$2 million not-for-profit law firm serving low income families in nine counties in Upstate New York; fund-raising; providing vision and supervision to 30-person staff; insuring program planning and staff development; working with community groups and the private bar, representing client interests before the media, social and political communities; and engaging in limited appellate case work.

October, 1977 - August, 1984
State Coordinator, Tennessee Association of Legal Services, Legal Aid Projects. Responsibilities included recruiting, supervising and evaluating staff; structuring office and establishing statewide communication and advocacy networks; coordinating advocacy on statewide issues; training design and implementation; providing technical assistance to programs and liaison work with community groups and the bar; and administering the state support grant.

September, 1974 - August, 1976
Law Clerk to the Honorable Eugene N. Hamilton, Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Responsibilities included research and opinion writing; preparation of desk books on criminal law and procedure; office administration.

TRAINING: Lead trainer for MIE New Project Director Training, 1996 - 99; Conflict Resolution Trainer for Judicial Process Commission, 1992-1994; Trainer, "Negotiating to Yes", N.E. Project Director's Association, 1992; Trainer, Legal Services Fundraising Conference, 1989; Management Trainer for Professional Work Supervision Training, Connecticut, Oklahoma, and New Jersey, 1985 - 86; Lead Trainer for the Southeast Region Professional Work Supervision Training in Atlanta, Nashville and Baton Rouge, 1983-84; Trainer, Management of Expansion, Cleveland, Ohio, 1979.

CONSULTING: Consultant to Florida Bar Foundation for program assessment, 2001; Legal Service Corporation Kentucky State Planning Process, 2000; Michigan State Bar Foundation for program assessments, 2000; Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation for program assessments, 1998-present; Community Legal Services, San Jose, California to plan for consolidation and mergers in response to LSC State Planning, 1998; The Pro Bono Institute to set up office structure and respond to personnel issues, 1997-98; Legal Aid Society of Hartford, Conn. to plan for office relocation and centralization of staff, 1990; California Project Directors of Small Programs to explore joint efforts, cost effective measures, mergers, 1989; Legal Services Corporation on revising CSR's, 1985; Advisory Board member for Southeast Training Center 1982-83; Arkansas Legal Services Support Center, Buddy Program, 1981; Palmetto Legal Services, Buddy Program, 1980; South Carolina's Project Directors to reorganize state support unit, 1980; Arkansas Project Directors to set up state support unit, 1979; Mississippi Legal Services Coalition for priority setting for a legislative unit, 1979; West Tennessee Legal Services for planning & priority setting, 1980 and 1986; Memphis Area Legal Services' priority setting conference, 1979.

PUBLICATIONS: Gipson and Komlos-Hrobsky, Utilizing Task Forces as Training Mechanism, 17 Clearinghouse Rev., p 203 (June, 1984)

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MAJOR CASES: Tambe v. Bowen, 839 F. 2d 108, 56 U.S.L.W. 2479 (2nd Cir. (N.Y.), Feb 12, 1988) (No. 600, 601, 87-6212, 87-6214); Holmes v. Sobol, 690 F.Supp. 154 (W.D.N.Y. 1988); Withey v. Perales, 920 F.2d 156, 59 U.S.L.W. 2383 (2nd Cir. (N.Y.), Dec 03, 1990) (No. 70, 90-6107); Catanzano v. Dowling, (2nd Cir. (N.Y.), Jul 13, 1995) (No. 1190, 94-7873) (1994); Bray v. Dowling, 25 F. 3d 135 (2d Cir. 1994), cert. denied (1995)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Bd. Member, Community Legal Intake & Referral Project, 1992-present; Bd. Member, Volunteer Legal Services Project, 1984-present; Bd. Member, Management Information Exchange, 1993-1998; Chair, ABA Litigation Section's Pro Bono & Public Interest Law Committee, 1997-98; Bd. Member, National Equal Justice Library, 1991-1995, Treasurer, 1991-1995; Bd. Member and Civil Committee Member, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, 1984 -1990, Treasurer, 1988-90; Bd. Member, National Senior Citizens Law Center, 1987-88; Project Advisory Group, Funding Criteria Committee 1982-84; National Organization of State Support Units 1982-84, Chair 1982-83.